

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for at least partially enclosing an associated raised floor structure, said frame assembly comprising:

a bottom frame member positioned adjacent [[an]] the associated raised floor structure;

a pair of spaced apart side frame members connected to and extending upwardly from said bottom frame member;

a top frame member spaced from said bottom frame member, and connected to said pair of side frame members;

at least one picket extending between and connected to said top and bottom frame members, said at least one picket being oriented approximately parallel to said side frame members; and

a screen selectively mounted to at least one of said top and bottom frame members and said side frame members and being located adjacent said at least one picket.

2. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 1 wherein said at least one picket comprises a rigid tubular member.

3. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 1 wherein said at least one picket comprises a rigid member having a hollow rectangular cross-section.

4. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 3 wherein said at least one picket comprises a plurality of spaced aligned pickets.

5. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 1 wherein at least one of said bottom frame member and said top frame member includes spaced holes for receiving opposed ends of said at least one picket for connection thereto.

6. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 5 further including:

at least one fastener received through a hole in one end of one of the at least one picket received in said spaced holes for securing said at least one picket to at least one of said bottom frame member and said top frame member.

7. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 6 wherein both said bottom frame member and said top frame member include said spaced holes and said at least one fastener includes two upper fasteners received through holes in upper ends of two spaced pickets received in said top frame member and two lower fasteners received through holes in lower ends of two pickets received in said bottom frame member.

8. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 5 further comprising a layer of a seam sealer positioned between said ends of said at least one picket and said top and bottom frame members to prevent said at least one picket from rattling.

9. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 1 wherein said screen comprises a pair of removable screen panels, one of said screen panels being held between said bottom and top frame members and said side frame members on one side of said at least one picket and the other of said screen panels being held between, said bottom and top frame members and said side frame members on another side of said at least one picket.

10. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 9 wherein said screen panels include compressible leaf springs and are held between said side frame members in tracks defined in said side frame members.

11. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 10 wherein said side frame member tracks include bumpers for engaging said screen panels.

12. (Currently Amended) A screen assembly having an integral railing comprising:

a lower rectangular frame section having a base member and a top member spaced from said base member;

a plurality of spaced barrier members extending from said base member to said top member, said spaced barrier members and said top member together forming a railing;

a first screen held in the lower rectangular frame section adjacent said railing;

an upper rectangular frame section supported by said lower rectangular frame section; and

a second screen held in the upper rectangular frame section.

13. (Currently Amended) The screen assembly of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 12 further including:

a third screen held in the lower rectangular frame section adjacent said railing, said third screen being held on one side of said plurality of pickets and said first screen being held on the other side of said plurality of pickets.

14. (Original) A combination screen and railing frame assembly comprising:
a frame defining an opening therethrough;
at least one screen secured to said frame, said at least one screen extending across at least part of said opening; and

a balustrade connected to said frame, said balustrade including:

a horizontal member extending across said opening and being spaced a preselected distance from a bottom portion of said frame, and

a plurality of spaced pickets extending across at least part of said opening, each of said plurality of spaced pickets connected at one end to said horizontal member and at another end to said bottom portion of said frame.

15. (Original) The combination screen and railing frame assembly of claim 14 wherein said at least one screen includes:

a first screen panel extending across a first portion of said opening defined below said horizontal member;

a second screen panel extending across a second portion of said opening defined above said horizontal member.

16. (Original) The combination screen and railing frame assembly of claim 14 wherein said first and second screen panels are removably mounted to said frame.

17. (Original) A frame assembly for screening in a floor structure and providing an integral rail therewith, said frame assembly comprising:

- a bottom frame section;

- a first pair of spaced apart side frame sections extending upwardly from said bottom frame section;

- a first intermediate frame section spaced from said bottom frame section and extending between said first pair of side frame sections;

- a plurality of spaced pickets extending between said bottom frame section and said first intermediate frame section, said plurality of pickets and said first intermediate frame section forming a rail;

- a first removable screen panel held between said bottom frame section, said first side frame sections and said first intermediate frame section, said first screen panel being disposed on one side of said plurality of pickets;

- a second intermediate frame section connected to said first intermediate frame section and further forming said rail;

- a second pair of spaced apart side frame sections extending upwardly from said second intermediate frame section;

- a top frame section connected to said second pair of side frame sections; and

- a second removable screen panel held between said second intermediate frame section, said second pair of side frame sections and said top frame section.

18. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 17 wherein said plurality of pickets comprise rigid tubular components that provide rigidity to said rail.

19. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 17 wherein said plurality of pickets are spaced apart from one another a distance sufficient to allow substantially unobstructed airflow through said first removable screen.

20. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 17 wherein said bottom frame section and said first intermediate section include sets of aligned holes that each receive ends of each of said plurality of pickets.

21. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 20 further comprising a layer of a sealant material disposed between said ends of said pickets and said bottom frame section and first intermediate section to retard rattling of said pickets in said frame assembly.

22. (Original) The frame assembly of claim 17 wherein at least two of said plurality of pickets are secured in said sets of aligned holes by fasteners.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a frame assembly having a screen and a railing, said method comprising the steps of:

inserting first ends of a plurality of pickets into a first plurality of spaced openings on a bottom frame member;

inserting second ends of said plurality of pickets into a second, aligned plurality of spaced openings on a top frame member[, and];

attaching a first side frame section to said bottom frame member and said top frame member adjacent a first one of said plurality of pickets; and

attaching a second side frame section to said bottom frame member and said top frame member adjacent a last one of said plurality of pickets.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 further including the step of:

installing a first screen panel on one side of said pickets between said first and second side frame sections.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24 further including the step of:

installing a second screen panel on another side of the pickets between said first and second side frame sections.

26. (Original) The method of claim 23 further including the steps of:

connecting a second bottom frame member to said top frame member;

attaching a third vertical frame section to said second bottom frame member adjacent said first one of said plurality of pickets and to a second top frame member spaced from said second bottom frame member; and

attaching a fourth vertical frame section to said second top frame member adjacent said last one of said plurality of pickets and to said second top frame member.

27. The method of claim 26 further including the steps of:
installing a first screen panel between said first and second side frame sections;
below the second bottom frame member; and
installing a second screen panel between said first and second side frame sections above the second bottom frame member.